DAY 1: U.S./Lima, Peru
Arrive in Lima, Peru’s thriving capital, and transfer to the convenient Wyndham Costa del Sol Airport Hotel. You may also elect to arrive early for a Lima pre-voyage extension. Please call for details.

DAY 2: Lima/Cusco/Sacred Valley
Arriving in Cusco, drive through the Sacred Valley to Chinchero, a typical Andean village where we join National Geographic Grantee Nilda Callañaupa for lunch and a demonstration of Inca weaving traditions. Continue to Ollantaytambo and board our late afternoon scenic train to Machu Picchu and check in at our hotel. We stay for two nights at Inkaterra Machu Picchu Pueblo, a National Geographic Unique Lodge of the World, with Andean-style casitas set along the in a reserve with 300 species of orchids. (B,L,D)

DAY 3: Machu Picchu
Take the full day to explore Machu Picchu, the Inka royal retreat introduced to the world by Hiram Bingham in the April 1913 National Geographic magazine. With both the morning and afternoon to explore, choose to hike to the Sun Gate or tackle Huayna Picchu, which towers over the sanctuary. Dinner tonight is at the hotel. (B,L,D)

DAY 4: Sacred Valley/Cusco
Return to Ollantaytambo by train and continue to Cusco, where we explore the magnificently ornate 17th-century cathedral and Plaza de Armas, the sacred Inca Temple of the Sun and other treasures. Check-in at Palacio del Inka in the historic center. Dinner on your own to relax or sample local fare. (B,L)

2021 Departure Dates:
13 Feb
3 Apr
21 Aug
16 Oct

Advance Payment:
$750

Sample Airfares:
Economy (International (Miami/Lima/Lima)): from $700
Business (International (Miami/Lima/Lima)): from $1,700
Charter (Internal (Lima/Cusco/Lima/Iquitos/Lima)): from $590
Airfares are subject to change.
DAY 5: Cusco/Iquitos/Embark
After breakfast, fly to Iquitos via Lima and continue overland to the riverside village of Nauta, where the Delfin II awaits. Gather for a welcome dinner of fine Peruvian cuisine. (B,L,D)

DAY 6-8: Upper Amazon
Explore the Pacaya-Samiria National Reserve, a pristine swath of jungle stretching more than five million acres—and harboring some of the Amazon’s most fascinating flora and fauna. Bordering the Marañón and the Ucayali, these two powerful rivers converge to create the famed Amazon, which floods annually with nutrient-rich waters, known locally as the Mirrored Forest for the reflections created by the glassy water.

Set out into this remarkable wilderness on daily excursions by skiff, kayak, and, when the water level permits, hikes on dry land. Spot sloths and monkeys, including variably colored saddleback tamarins, noisy howlers, and shaggy-tailed monk saki monkeys. Watch for an astounding variety of birds, from tanagers and hummingbirds to parrots and endangered scarlet macaws. In the river, look for massive paiche fish, the Amazon’s largest, rare pink dolphins, and the famous piranhas.

One of the unexpected joys of traveling in the region is the interaction with the local ribereños, the traditional people who live on the riverbanks. Visit a local community and see the projects that we support through the local non-profit Minga Peru, including a program of handcraft development, radio broadcasts, women’s health initiatives and efforts in sustainable farming. (B,L,D)

DAY 9: Disembark/Iquitos/Lima/U.S.
Disembark in Nauta, stopping at the Amazon Rescue Center on the way to Iquitos. Fly to Lima, where we visit Museo Larco and celebrate with a farewell dinner before late night flights home. Ask your expedition specialist about options to extend your stay. (B, L, D)

Cost Includes:
All accommodations aboard ship or in hotels per itinerary or similar, all meals and nonalcoholic beverages aboard ship, meals on land as indicated, shore excursions, sightseeing and entrance fees, special access permits, transfers to and from group flights, use of kayaks and skiffs, tips (except to ship’s crew), taxes and service charges, services of a ship medic and services of our expedition staff.

Cost Not Included:
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